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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: BOARD OF PHARMACY – Technician Licensure

Committee Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 9:30 am

PLACE: Conference Room A, 2nd Floor Cannon Building

861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904

APPROVED: February 18, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kenneth Sellers Kim Robbins, R.Ph. Tejal Patel, PharmD Susan Esposito, R.Ph. Hooshang Shanehsaz, R.Ph.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne Pyle Maryanne Holzapel

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

David Dryden, Executive Secretary Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Christine Mast, Administrative Specialist III Michelle McCreary, Pharmacist Compliance Officer

ALSO PRESENT

Jill Spivey Don Holst

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sellers called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sellers appointed Hooshang Shanehsaz to replace Sandra Zaragoza on the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Dryden provided the committee NABP Pharmacy Technician licensure information by state. Currently there are 9 states that license technicians. Most states do require Technicians to be registered. Mr. Dryden had conversations with Washington DC and Louisiana regarding licensure. Louisiana currently has 5 inspectors that are responsible for doing inspections that include ensuring Pharmacy Technicians are licensed. Washington DC is opposed to licensure. Delaware currently has 1 inspector for the state. So, Registration of Pharmacy Technician may be a better solution than licensure. Delaware could require the pharmacy to be responsible for making sure their technicians

have completed background checks and are registered as part of the hiring process to work in the pharmacy. The pharmacy could be responsible for paying the fees for the background check or the prospective employee could be asked to be responsible for the fee. This would assist in assuring that criminal histories are checked prior to access to the pharmacy. Mr. Dryden will discuss the registration process with Division of Professional Regulation leadership to inquire about the required resources needed to implement registration and/or licensure of Pharmacy Technicians and any possible issues with current software used by the Division. He will report his findings from these discussions at the next scheduled meeting.

The proposed requirement of "all employees who have access to the pharmacy must have a criminal background check" would require a statutory change.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no other business before the board. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Esposito, seconded by Mr. Shanehsaz. The motion unanimously carried at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Mast

Administrative Specialist III